

REMARKS

The Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the subject application has been examined and the allowance of claims 13-15, 17, 21 and 22. By this amendment, changes have been made in other claims to overcome the Examiner's rejections and more concisely claim and describe the present invention. Claims 1-22 remain in the application. The Examiner's allowance of all pending claims not presently allowed is earnestly solicited.

Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph. It is believed that these amendments address and resolve the confusing wording issue raised by the Examiner.

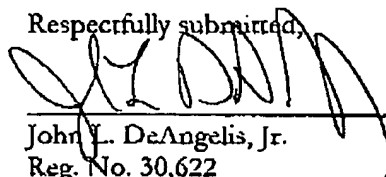
Certain claims have been revised as set forth above to overcome the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph due to use of "predetermined."

As to the rejection of claim 12 (i.e., "layer" should be replaced by "layers"), the undersigned is unable to identify the offending language. Line 5 of claim 12 refers to an [anti-reflective] coating layer to form an opening therein according to the photoresist opening." The use of "layer" appears to be appropriate since both claims 10 and 1, from which claim 12 depends, refer to an "anti-reflective coating layer." Upon review of this amendment, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to resolve this issue by Examiner's amendment.

The Applicants have complied with all of the points raised in the Office Action and it is believed that claims 1-22 remaining the application are now in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments and discussion, it is requested that the Examiner's claim rejections have been overcome. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider these rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

If a telephone conference will assist in clarifying or expediting this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,


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